

# Sports

**FROM THE BRIDGE**

## Veres, Valmore, Spark EC 'Homerun Express'

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

You can't talk to El Camino College football coach Norm Verry or any of his assistants and not come away whistling about the Warriors' chances in this season's tougher-than-ever Metropolitan Conference.

With a sprinkling of experienced returning lettermen and an abundant crop of hearty newcomers, Verry and his cohorts are hopeful of repeating their 1954 record—when EC went all the way to the Junior Rose Bowl before losing to Hinds, Miss. by 13 to 7.

The three biggest reasons for Verry's optimism are Ronnie Veres, Jim Valmore, and Dave Anderson, who form the nucleus of what should be the team's most explosive and versatile backfield in six years. For instance—Verry boldly calls Veres, a product of Torrance High School and last year's "Athlete of the Year"—the "best quarterback in the conference."

And that takes in a pretty good size hunk of territory, Bakersfield College—which went to the Junior Rose Bowl after an undefeated season last year—claims it has the best QB in the circuit in Dean Newby.

"Newby may be a better runner, but Veres will be by far the best junior college passer we'll see this season," assured backfield coach Kenny Swearingin.

According to Swearingin Veres—whose 8-ft. frame has filled out to 185 pounds—has improved by 300 per cent in his passing over last season.

AND RON was never really what you'd call a poor pitcher.

Once on the subject of the El Camino football team, the Warrior coaching brass rolls on like a non-stop train to Cucamonga. And it's tough to come away a non-believer. Swearingin is raving about Anderson—a powerfully built 190 pound fullback and Valmore—the all-Bay League and all-CIF speedster from Leuzinger High who could become all-Metro at slotback.

"That Valmore is amazing. We never saw him play in high school, but you can be sure that all they said about him is true," says Kenny as he tries to explain the Negro's uncanny agility, ability and speed.

Besides being the fastest man on the squad, Valmore is the best pas receiver, could be the best defensive back, and runs like a bull despite his seemingly small body, 5-ft. 10-in., and 165 pounds.

Jim is also one of the most courageous gridders to hit Camino in quite some time. He sustained the first injury in his glory-filled athletic career in practice two weeks ago, and it was enough to drive most anyone away from the play-for-pleasure sport for good.

He was really jolted in the mouth, knock four lower front teeth out. Doctors required 12 stitches—five inside the mouth and seven outside the mouth—to sew up the wound. But he's back out there now and the coaches are smiling again.

HE'LL BE ONE of Veres' favorite targets throughout the season.

Another pass target is end Jim Hester, who saw action in only one game as a high school senior at Torrance last fall—out with a tricky injury all season.

Jim will play a flanker end in Camino's spread offense and will also see plenty of action as a pass-defending halfback on defense. Swearingin says Hester is the team's best defensive back right now.

With a relatively inexperienced but bulky and hard-hitting front line, and the Warriors' combination of speed, depth, and offensive breakthrough threats in Veres, Valmore, Anderson and mighty mite Gary Cunningham—don't count out one of the most wide-open seasons in EC grid history.

Locals can get their first look-see at the local home-run



**NORM VERRY**  
... Jumpin' With Joy

express in two weeks, when the Warriors host Weber, Utah, at Murdock Stadium on Oct. 1. Seventeen of the original 72 turnouts were players from Torrance, North, and South Highs.

The Blue and White eleven opens the season against Oregon Tech this Saturday, in Klamath Falls, Ore.

### Schaus Cuts Four From Lakers' Basketball Roster

Los Angeles Lakers' coach Fred Schaus has announced the release of four candidates from the practice squad. Jim Powell, formerly of Denver University, Bobby Goodall of Tulsa, Johnny Moore, UCLA and John Barber, former LA State player were the first dropped from the training squad.

Some further reduction will be made next week after a series of inter-squad games to be played in various Southern California cities.

## Tappa Keggas Win 2nd City Slo-Pitch Title

### Matthews Propels Two Homers in 8-1 Win Over Elks

Powered by Gib Matthews' two home runs, the Tappa Keggas racked up their second straight slo-pitch softball championship Thursday with an 8 to 1 triumph over the Torrance Elks at Torrance Park.

Matthews sparked a four-run rally in the first inning and a three-run uprising in the 5th with rocketing home runs as the colorful 'Keggas stretched their win-lost record to read 28-1 for the season.

THE ELKS and Tappa Keggas both reached the finals after winning their respective Service League and Blue League championships, then posting 5-0 and 2-1 wins in the first round of the tourney on Monday.

The winners blasted 12 hits, including three by Matthews and two by leftfielder Ray Magnante, who scored three runs.

Manager and winning pitcher Chuck Ryan was touched for six hits, two each in the 2nd, 4th, and 5th innings but the Elks couldn't lower the bridge to home plate until the 6th—scoring without benefit of a hit.

MEANWHILE, the Tappa Keggas had men on in every innig, and brought most of them plateward.

Next stop on the slo-pitch ladder for local teams is a new Los Angeles area-wide tourney which begins Sept. 26. Further information for team managers may be obtained from Red Moon at the Torrance Recreation Dept.

### Box Score

ELKS (1)	ab	r	e	s
Roberts, 3b	2	0	0	0
Stuffins, lf	2	0	0	0
Snyder, 2b	2	0	0	0
Neumann, ss	1	0	0	0
Alonge, cf	1	0	0	0
Aranda, p	1	0	0	0
Pike, 1b	1	0	0	0
Chick, c	1	0	0	0
Alexander, rf	1	0	0	0
Williams, of	1	1	1	1
Totals	25	1	6	1

  

TAPPA KEGGAS (8)	ab	r	e	s
DiMaggio, 2b	4	0	1	0
Schoendienst, 3b	4	2	2	0
Morris, 1b	4	2	2	0
Magnante, lf	4	2	2	0
Matthews, ss	4	2	2	0
Stutts, c	4	0	0	0
Scholz, cf	4	0	0	0
Calder, rf	4	0	0	0
McQuinn, of	4	0	0	0
Ryan, p	3	0	1	1
Totals	31	8	12	1

# Prep Footballers Gird For Season Openers



**BACKFIELD STARTERS . . .** Named to start in Torrance's backfield this week when Tartars go against Redondo in first football test of the season were Quarterback Howard Taylor, Right Halfback Mike Irvine and Left Halfback Jerry McLeah. Center is Tommy Holdsworth. All are returnees from last year's edition. (Herald Photo)

## Torrance Looks To Henrix to Replace Gonta

### Sophomore Lineman Impressive for Tartars in Scrum

Torrance's backfield ball-carriers continue to sparkle in practice, but the brightest spot on Coach Irwin Kasten's otherwise glum defensive alignment has been sophomore Bruce Hendrix, who's being counted upon to fill all-American Stan Gonta's shoes at the all-important middle guard slot this season.

Kasten singled out Hendrix, a 180-pounder, after an intracity scrimmage with South High Friday afternoon. "He's the toughest defensive man out there," his coach praises.

ALTHOUGH the running backs have been as sharp as possible up to now, the Tartar ends and backs will be put through an extensive and extra long offensive passing workout tomorrow afternoon.

Kasten said his first string backfield has remained the same as since practice opened up earlier this month. That means that veterans Howard Taylor will go at quarterback, with halfbacks Jerry McLean and Mike Irvine given nods over Frank Bradford and Steve Parker for Friday night's curtain-lifter with Redondo.

The slotback job is still open, with Mike Challis and Damon Wisham the chief contenders.

Outside of a couple of slightly sprained ankles, the Tartars came out of the South scrimmage in pretty good shape.

Center Tommy Holdsworth and both wingbacks have aggravated ankle injuries—but they should be all set and ready to go by Friday.

Defensively, the situation is about as gray as ever—with only two lettermen returning to the line.

But Eric Hansen has come through and looks like the team's starting right guard on both offense and defense, and a transfer lineman from Redondo, Mas Minemoto, may help at a guard slot.

"We're really hurting at the tackles," Kasten moans, "and we don't know where we're going to get 'em."

Torrance has scheduled its first night workout of the month for Wednesday.

THE TARTARS will literally work right up to game time Friday, with kick-offs and punt return practice slated for Thursday afternoon.

In the last several years, the Torrance-Redondo series rivalry has been one of the tightest in the Southland.

In 1955 it was a 0-0 tie. In '57 it was a 6-6 tie. Torrance eked one out in the last moments of the game in '58 for a 13-8 victory and last year the Tartars won it, 6-0.

Much of the same is expected this week.

### Call Issued for Interested AAU Managers, Players

Coaches, managers, and players are geared for action as plans for the forthcoming Major AAU Basketball League were told by Lyman Harman, loop manager.

Harman anticipates a 10 team league with a round robin of games set for the Los Angeles City College gym.

Teams interested in joining the fast moving loop are invited to call Harman at Madison 5-8921, Ext. 557. Application blanks and entry rules are available on request.

### Lakers to Make L.A. Debut Monday With Inter-Squad Game

The first Southland appearance of the Los Angeles Lakers will take place Monday night at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

It will be a regulation NBA-style contest and promises to be chock full of action, for although it will be intersquad competition, the players will be fighting for permanent positions on the team.

### YOUNGEST IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY

## Sophomore Carey Hubert Wins Quarterback Job at North Hi

If form follows its present pattern, sophomore Carey Hubert will become the youngest starting quarterback in North High's varsity football history Friday night when the Saxons line-up opposite Warren (Downey) in the season opener.



CAREY HUBERT

Barring injury or a sudden move by understudy Jeff Bell, Hubert will call the signals and lead the offense against a team which has jinxed the locals for two years straight.

Even North's 1958 CIF-playoff edition didn't beat the single-winging Bears from the Coast League. In fact, that team was clubbed 22-0. Last year the two schools played to a 6-6 tie.

WHILE HUBERT seems set at quarterback, Coach Bob Shoup seems to have a fairly well set offensive backfield with Roy Dohner at half, Derrick Busch at full, and either Felix Allvillar or Gary Wright at the slotback.

Wright—who's made a recently strong surge for the starting nod—and Allvillar, are rated dead-even by Shoup.

The only other two known offensive starters are linemen John Sibley and Gary Sexton. Sibley's bad back isn't giving him any more trouble and the Saxon coaching staff is counting on him to anchor the line.

North held its annual Blue-White scrimmage yesterday and the remaining starting positions will probably be known by tomorrow.

The Saxons will hold their first extensive defensive workout tomorrow, follow up with both offensive and defensive drills Tuesday, then conclude the week's body contact work on Wednesday with kickoffs, punts and special situation practice.

End wise, the northerners have a couple of good ones in speedster Pat Lininger (165) and Skip Mooney, who'll flank the right side while Ed Landwehr (200) and Dick Bush (185) are battling for the left end job.

Lininger was a sprint and quarter mile ace on North's track team last year.

While Hubert will be the only starting sophomore, huge 10th grader Paul Harmon (6-ft., 235) should see considerable duty as a defensive tackle.

One of the big improvements on the team this season, according to Shoup, has been the blocking of right tackle Bob Martin, who could wind up winning himself a starting berth because of it.

## Seven Local Bowlers Win Cash Prizes

Seven bowlers from Torrance were on the receiving ends of \$650 in checks mailed this week as cash booty for placing in the rich third annual Blue Grass Singles Classic.

Headed by Don Fischenick's \$250 prize, the seven kegglers were part of 140 who picked up prize-money in the bowling classic. Topping all was John McLeod of San Diego who took home a trophy and a \$1000 check.

Besides Fischenick, money winners from Torrance included Hank Camdu (\$10), Larry Galloway, (\$100), Marge Fox (\$50), Naomi Kopack (\$50) and Doris Valentine (\$50).

### SC, UCLA Grid Games to Be Replayed on TV

Complete play-by-play television coverage of the USC-Oregon State and the UCLA-Pittsburgh games will be provided for local sports fans this afternoon on Channel 11, with the Trojan opener to be seen at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Bruins at 7:30 p.m.

### OFF AND RUNNING by John I. Day

## Built on Integrity



Aqueduct, New York City's oldest race track, celebrates its "first" anniversary on September 14, as the "Big A". Originally opened in September of 1894, Aqueduct was the hub around which a visionary and delighted group of 20 Jockey Club members began rebuilding New York racing in 1955. Today, alphabetically and otherwise, Aqueduct is the country's A-No. 1 race course. It is also one of the oddest from the standpoint of financial organization.

Aqueduct was literally built on integrity. "We had \$1000 capital and the names of the 20 trustees on which we were able to borrow \$63 million from the banks," says John W. Hanes, chairman of the board. About half of the loan was used to buy the existing New York tracks; the remain-

der went to build the "Big A." A handy subway ride from Times Square, Aqueduct in its first year has broken all records for attendance and parimeter handle, and crowds of 70,000 are handled comfortably. Aqueduct's 66-day inaugural meeting produced about half of the \$36,000,000 in parimutuel revenue New York State derived from Thoroughbred racing in 1959. What did the Aqueduct stockholders get? The satisfaction of a good job well done. Each of the 20 trustees owns five \$10, non-saleable and non-dividend paying shares in the New York Racing Association; all have endorsed their certificates so that in the event of death they revert to NYRA. Income is used to discharge the debt and put on top-quality racing.